

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Minutes

A regular meeting of the board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, November 18, 2002 in the Director's Office of the Main Library. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt

Also present were:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Bertha A. Chandler, Assistant Director for Human Resources

Notes from the October 21, 2002 meeting were approved.

Correspondence was distributed from Lorraine McGrath, Katie and Anna Christenson, Marian Coulter, and Eileen Bromley.

Discussion of Arbuthnot Lecture – April 5, 2003

- Fogg Art Museum has donated [no fee] second floor room for dinner the night before the Lecture.
- Art work in print room downstairs will be done by Cambridge children, about Maurice Sendak.
- Candlewick Press will give copy of book [**I Saw Esau**] to every person who attends lecture.
- Cambridge Public Library will buy 50 copies of **The World of Maurice Sendak** as gifts for volunteers.
- Discussing possible support for dinner with Harvard Community Relations Department.
- Sunday afternoon reception for children [and families] with art on display.
- High School to perform “Really Rosie”.
- Lecture is an adult program about children's literature; not appropriate for children to attend; expect about 1,000 people.

Discussion of Main Library building project.

- Discussion of money lost due to delay in construction [inflation of construction costs, studies re-done, state construction grant lost]. The Director was asked to determine an approximate total cost of delays to date.
- Director distributed outline for presentation; pre-tested on Staff and Friends; Trustees attending noted Friends' presentation very well done. Trustees to review and email feedback to Director.
- Director working with Ann Beha on slide show.
- Each Trustee asked to think about when and where will present events/coffees.

Suggested send Trustees' Minutes out soon after each meeting; to use Minutes as a “to do” list for Trustees.

Books received and ready for check out: William Rawn: Architecture For the Public Realm and two from Ann Beha. Gifts of the firms.

Agassiz Neighborhood newsletter published recap of building project information.

Sue Poverman does neighborhood email; Director will contact with information, including announcement of November 20 DAC meeting.

Discussion of Pet Peeve from planning meeting: make front entrance less dark and dreary. Is this lobby or outside? Add more lights, make lights brighter, put short “street light” of sides of steps.

-As result of 1994/5 slip and fall finding City negligent, at entrance will block off area without handrails and will post a sign to use handrails for safety; may look unattractive.

-Mr. Roosevelt will pursue scheduling Senator Clinton for JKG Lecture, suggesting a time frame. Also discussion of Caroline Kennedy as potential speaker.

-New Business

- Text of annual report distributed.
- Response to City Council Order #7 dated 7/23/02 feasibility to reinstate bookmobile in Area 4 distributed, discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, December 9, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the Director's Office of the Main Library.

Respectfully submitted by Bertha A. Chandler

Andre Mayer, Secretary